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CODY'S WISH MAKES DREAM COME TRUE FOR 15-YEAR-OLD CODY DORMAN

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (Saturday, Oct. 2, 2021) – It was the perfect start to racing Saturday at Churchill Downs where 3-year-old colt **Cody's Wish**, named after 15-year-old **Cody Dorman** who suffers from the rare genetic disorder Wolf-Hirschhorn syndrome, recorded his first lifetime victory.

"This went from a wish and turned into a dream come true," said **Kelly Dorman**, father of Cody.

In 2018, **Godolphin**, who owns Cody's Wish, sponsored the Dorman family at Keeneland's Make-A-Wish day. Dorman developed a special bond with Cody's Wish when he was just a foal. Three years later, Cody's Wish recorded his first victory with the Dorman family in attendance.

"This was such a special win for everyone involved," trainer **Bill Mott's** assistant **Kenny McCarthy** said. "We are certainly glad the family was able to be here for the special day."

Cody's Wish defeated seven rivals by two lengths in Saturday's first race, a \$120,000 maiden special weight contest. Ridden by **Joel Rosario**, Cody's Wish completed the one-mile distance in 1:33.88, just .62 seconds off the track record that was set by **Fruit Ludt** in 2014.

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